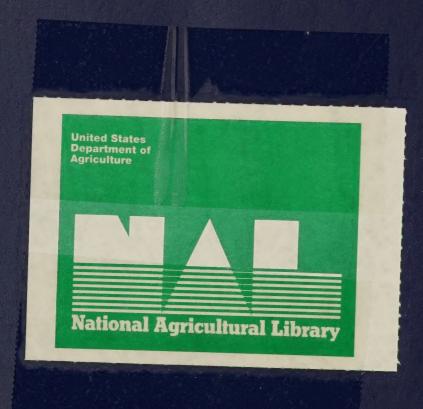
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North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Mexico-United States-Canada Trade Accord

Background Information

October 3, 1987

Canada to the U.S. Congress to initiate the "Fast Track" approval process.

January 2, 1988 Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between the United States and Canada was signed by President Ronald Reagan and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulrenoy.

January 1, 1989 United States-Canada Free Trade Agreement took effect. It calls for the elimination over 10 years, or by January 1, 1998 of all import tariffs.

August 21, 1990 The Mexican Government sent a formal request to the United States to enter into Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiations.

President Reagan sends notice of intent to sign a trade agreement with

September 25, 1990 President Bush notified the U.S. Congress of its intent to negotiate an FTA with Mexico.

February 5, 1991 United States, Mexico, and Canada announced their intention to pursue a North-American-Free-Trade-Agreement (NAFTA).

June 1991 NAFTA talks began. Agenda included: Market access, trade rules, services, investment, intellectual property rights, and dispute settlement.

Negotiations are still underway.



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